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TAGS: PEPR, PINT, GR, TU, US, CY
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SENATOR PERCY TO
SECRETARY HAIG

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 13, EUR/SE RECEIVED A COPY
OF A LETTER FROM SENATOR PERCY ASKING THE SECRETARY TO
RAISE SPECIFIC ISSUES WITH GOT LEADERS IN ANKARA ON
FRIDAY.

3. BEGIN TEXT

MAY 12, 1982

THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

DEAR AL:

IN VIEW OF YOUR UPCOMING TRIP TO TURKEY AND GREECE
TOMORROW, I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY MY GOOD FRIENDS IN THE

GREEK-AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO PASS ON TO YOU A NUMBER OF
SERIOUS CONCERNS WHICH I SHARE. THESE CONCERNS INCLUDE
THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE REPORTED CONTINUED REPRESSION ON RELIGIOUS
GROUNDS BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT OF THE ECUMENICAL
PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

2. THE DENIAL OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND BASIC HUMAN
RIGHTS TO THE GREEK ORTHODOX AND OTHER CHRISTIAN
MINORITIES IN TURKEY.

3. THE IMPORTANCE THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO
TURKISH ADHERENCE TO THE LAUSANNE TREATY OF 1923, WHICH
GUARANTEED THE INVIOABILITY OF THE ECUMENICAL
PATRIARCHATE AS WELL AS TURKISH ADHERENCE TO THE UN
CHARTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT OF

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WHICH IT WAS A SIGNATORY, ALSO NEEDS TO BE STRESSED.

4. THE CONTINUED MASSIVE PRESENCE OF THE TURKISH ARMY
"OF OCCUPATION" IN CYPRUS, AND LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD
A SETTLEMENT.

5. THE PLIGHT AND STATUS OF GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES,
MANY MISSING SINCE 1974, AND THE NEED FOR TURKEY TO
PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MISSING PERSONS.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF, IN YOUR TALKS WITH TURKISH
LEADERS, YOU COULD RAISE THESE POINTS. THE UNITED
STATES REGARDS TURKEY AS AN IMPORTANT NATO PARTNER AND
ALLY. IF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WERE TO TAKE CONCRETE
STEPS TO GUARANTEE TURKISH MINORITY RIGHTS AND MOVE
TOWARD PROGRESS ON A SETTLEMENT TO THE CYPRUS
SITUATION, AS WELL AS ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THE
RELATIONSHIP WITH GREECE, IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL
CONCERNED.

HAVE A GOOD AND PRODUCTIVE TRIP.

WARM REGARDS,
/S/CHUCK PERCY
CHARLES H. PERCY
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
UNITED STATES SENATE

END TEXT

4. COMMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE BRIEFING MATERIAL
PREPARED FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, SUPPLEMENTED BY THE
1981 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS, COVERS ALL OF THE ABOVE
POINTS. END COMMENT

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